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State of Minnesota
County of Ramsey

District Court
2nd Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0620580555
Court File No. 62-CR-25-8648

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMES RICKY BRUNER DOB: 09/21/1989
1086 27th Ave NW
New Brighton, MN 55112
Defendant.

COMPLAINT
Warrant

The Complainant submits this complaint to the Court and states that there is probable cause to believe Defendant committed the following offense(s):

COUNT I

Charge: Possess child sexual abuse material - Computer Disk/Electronic/Magnetic/Optical Image w/material
Minnesota Statute: 617.247.4(a), with reference to: 617.247.4(b)
Maximum Sentence: 10 years or $10,000 fine or both
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 04/16/2024

Control #(ICR#): 24000429

Charge Description: On or about April 16, 2024, in Ramsey County, Minnesota, James Ricky Bruner did possess child sexual abuse material or a storage system containing child sexual abuse material, knowing or with reason to know its contents and character.

COUNT II

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STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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James Ricky Bruner, DOB 09/21/1989, was convicted of Possession of Child Pornography on December 19, 2023, in Ramsey County 62CR221849. On April 17, 2024, while Bruner was residing at 1086 27th Avenue NW, New Brighton, Ramsey County, his probation agent visited him and seized his cellular phone after he provided consent. Probation located Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) on the phone.

Investigators with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension obtained a search warrant to further analyze the phone. Investigators located 27 files on the phone that appeared to meet the definition of CSAM. Investigators sent those files to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) to determine if those images had been identified as depicting known CSAM victims.

NCMEC Child Victim Identification Program identified 21 images from eight different series as known victims of child pornography. Five of those files are described below and form the basis for the separate counts in this complaint.

1. Series: Climbing Friend – this image depicts a prepubescent female appearing to be under the age of 12. She is sitting on a cushion in the nude with her legs spread apart. Her genitals are lewdly exposed to the viewer. She is wearing handcuffs.

2. Series: Girl_32 – this image depicts a prepubescent female appearing to be under the age of 12. She is sitting back and resting on her elbow with her knees up and legs spread apart. He genitals are lewdly exposed to the viewer.

3. Series: Goddess on Green – this image depicts a female child appearing to be under the age of 10. She is kneeling on the lap of an adult male. She is facing him. The male is nude and his penis is erect. He is touching the child's anal area with his fingers.

4. Series: OrsoShirt – This image depicts a prepubescent female. She is sitting back with her legs spread apart and her dressed pulled up. A penis is positioned near her exposed genitals.

5. Series: Nikole – This image depicts a nude female appearing to be under 12 years of age. She is on her side with her head on her hand. She is holding a dildo and putting it to her lips.

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***NOTICE*:** Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 609.49, subd. 1 (a) A person charged with or convicted of a felony and released from custody, with or without bail or recognizance, who intentionally fails to appear when required after having been notified that a failure to appear for a court appearance is a criminal offense, or after having been released on an order or condition that the release personally appear when required with respect to the charge or conviction, is guilty of a crime for failure to appear and may be sentenced to not more than one-half of the maximum term of imprisonment or fine, or both, provided for the underlying crime for which the person failed to appear, but this maximum sentence shall, in no case, be less than a term of imprisonment of one year and one day or a fine of $1,500, or both.

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SIGNATURES AND APPROVALS

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Complainant requests that Defendant, subject to bail or conditions of release, be:
(1) arrested or that other lawful steps be taken to obtain Defendant's appearance in court; or
(2) detained, if already in custody, pending further proceedings; and that said Defendant otherwise be dealt with according to law.

Complainant declares under penalty of perjury that everything stated in this document is true and correct. Minn. Stat. § 358.116; Minn. R. Crim. P. 2.01, subds. 1, 2.

Complainant

Katie Booth
Special Agent
1430 Maryland Avenue E
St. Paul, MN 55106
Badge: 63

Electronically Signed:
11/19/2025 04:13 PM
Dakota County, Minnesota

Being authorized to prosecute the offenses charged, I approve this complaint.

Prosecuting Attorney

Steven Pfaffe
360 Wabasha Street N
Suite 100
St Paul, MN 55101
(651) 266-3222

Electronically Signed:
11/19/2025 01:42 PM

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FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE

From the above sworn facts, and any supporting affidavits or supplemental sworn testimony, I, the Issuing Officer, have determined that probable cause exists to support, subject to bail or conditions of release where applicable, Defendant's arrest or other lawful steps be taken to obtain Defendant's appearance in court, or Defendant's detention, if already in custody, pending further proceedings. Defendant is therefore charged with the above-stated offense(s).

☐ SUMMONS

THEREFORE YOU, THE DEFENDANT, ARE SUMMONED to appear as directed in the Notice of Hearing before the above-named court to answer this complaint.

IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR in response to this SUMMONS, a WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST shall be issued.

☒ WARRANT

To the Sheriff of the above-named county; or other person authorized to execute this warrant: I order, in the name of the State of Minnesota, that the Defendant be apprehended and arrested without delay and brought promptly before the court (if in session), and if not, before a Judge or Judicial Officer of such court without unnecessary delay, and in any event not later than 36 hours after the arrest or as soon as such Judge or Judicial Officer is available to be dealt with according to law.

☒ ***Execute in MN Only*** ☐ ***Execute Nationwide*** ☐ ***Execute in Border States***

☐ ORDER OF DETENTION

Since the Defendant is already in custody, I order, subject to bail or conditions of release, that the Defendant continue to be detained pending further proceedings.

Bail: $25,000.00
Conditions of Release:

This complaint, duly subscribed and sworn to or signed under penalty of perjury, is issued by the undersigned Judicial Officer as of the following date: November 19, 2025.

Judicial Officer Victoria Gardner
Judge

Electronically Signed: 11/19/2025 04:26 PM

Sworn testimony has been given before the Judicial Officer by the following witnesses:

COUNTY OF RAMSEY
STATE OF MINNESOTA

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

vs.

James Ricky Bruner

Defendant

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE
I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this Warrant upon the Defendant herein named.

Signature of Authorized Service Agent:

DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

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Name:	James Ricky Bruner
DOB:	09/21/1989
Address:	1086 27th Ave NW New Brighton, MN 55112
Alias Names/DOB:	
SID:	MN20CD5098
Height:	
Weight:	0lbs.
Eye Color:	
Hair Color:	
Gender:	MALE
Race:	White
Fingerprints Required per Statute:	Yes
Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record:	No
Driver's License #:	
Alcohol Concentration:	

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STATUTE AND OFFENSE GRID

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Cnt Nbr	Statute Type	Offense Date(s)	Statute Nbrs and Descriptions	Offense Level	MOC	GOC	Controlling Agencies	Case Numbers
1	Charge	4/16/2024	617.247.4(a) Possess Pornographic Work-Computer Disk/Electronic/Magnetic/Optical Image w/Porn	Felony			MNBCA0000	24000429
	Penalty	4/16/2024	617.247.4(b) Possess Pornographic Work; Prior conviction; Registered predatory offender; Minor under 14	Felony			MNBCA0000	24000429
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